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1. ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DISCUSSED INCREASED CHARGES
ON U.S. POULTRY IMPORTS TO EC WITH ITALIAN REP. TO POULTRY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, LUIGI COSTANZO.

2. HIGHLIGHTS BASED ON REFTEL C SERVED TO OPEN DISCUSSION.

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COSTANZO'S REACTION WAS TO REDUCE CONVERSATION TO BI-LATERAL

LEVEL, INDICATING HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS NEW CHARGES POSED FOR U.S. TRADE OR THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO EC ON MATTER.

3. NOTING CURRENT VOLUME OF US POULTRY TRADE WITH ITALY (ONE OFFER FOR 40 M.T. WAS REGISTERED IN JULY) PLUS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC SITUATION, HE PRECLUDED ANY NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES. HE ARGUED THAT THE FEED COVERSON FACTOR IS NOW CLOSER TO ACTUAL SITUATION THAN BEFORE SINCE FACTOR USED TO BE ARTIFICALLY HIGH. ACCORDINGLY, HE FORESAW NO NEED TO EVEN CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR POULTRY DURING UPCOMING MANAGEMENT SESSION AS FAR AS ITALY IS CONCERNED.

4. WE REVIEWED TRADE DAMAGE IN OTHER EC MARKETS CAUSED BY INCREASE IN GATE PRICE RATHER THAN STRESS BI-LATERAL TRADE SITUATION AND PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED OUR CONCERN OVER APPLICATION OF CO-EFFICIENTS IN ESTABLISHING GATE PRICES GIVEN COSTS OF PRODUCTION IN EFFICIENT THIRD COUNTRIES LIKE US.

5. COSTANZO WAS OVERALL SYMPATHETIC TO US VIEWPOINT ON FURTHER INCREASES IN POULTRY PROTECTION AND INDICATED ANY MOVE THAT DIRECTION WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO STRICTEST SCRUTINY. VOLPE

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